

Local Government Grant Update

Office of Community Development

The Office of Community Development Expands to Provide New Services to Local Governments, Citizens, Non-Profit Organizations and State Agencies



New OCD employees, from left to right: Whitney Kling, Darrell Lovell, Travis McIlwain, Gina VanZandt.

Governor Kathleen Blanco recently created the State Grants Management Section within the Office of Community Development to provide new services to local governments, citizens, non-profit organizations and state agencies.

“This division of the Office of Community Development will primarily focus on bringing more

federal and private funds to Louisiana,” Governor Blanco said. “By improving our grant research and grant writing processes while reducing duplicative efforts among state agencies, we will become more efficient in providing technical assistance and services to citizens throughout the state,” she continued.

While the new section is still under construction and has not been formally opened as of yet, improvements are already underway. The State Grants Management Section has begun recording sources of federal funding and is currently updating the Louisiana Assistance

Resource Center’s online database of funding opportunities. The staff is also working to implement a communication system for providing information on upcoming grant opportunities to state agencies, non-profit organizations, and individual Louisiana citizens in addition to providing general and technical assistance in the application process.

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Things to remember:

- *You can always use OCD’s online Grants Database, the Louisiana Assistance Resource Center to help find resource opportunities on your own at: www.larconline.com*
- *Call SGMS for extra assistance or with any questions at (225)342-7412*
- *Use the contact information included with each opportunity to learn more detailed information.*

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Contact SGMS for Grantseeking or Grantwriting Assistance and with Any Questions:

Call, Fax, or write:
Phone: (225)342-7412
Fax: (225)342-1947

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Money for Summer Arts Programs Available



Many different types of programs are eligible for funding.

The *Summer Schools in the Arts* program is awarded to raise the quality and availability of arts education in communities nationwide. This program supports summer arts education programs that enable children and youth to acquire knowledge and skills in the arts as

well as gain lifelong interests in the arts and culture. Summer arts education programs offer several advantages for quality arts learning by providing challenging and engaging arts education opportunities during the summer, immersion experiences where students spend consecutive hours each day for multiple weeks, and comprehensive arts instruction that otherwise would not be available because of limited resources. The

award ceiling for this program is \$35,000. The award floor for this program is \$15,000.

This program is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. They can be reached at **(202)682-5400** or at their website: www.arts.gov

Statement of Interest Due: May 23, 2005
Invitation to Apply Issued: July 18, 2005
Application Deadline: September 12, 2005

Proposals Requested For Public Works and Economic Development Facilities

The Economic Development Administration is now accepting proposals on an ongoing basis for the FY 2005 Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Programs. EDA seeks only proposals that will benefit areas experiencing economic distress. EDA defines distress as: high levels of unemployment, low income levels, declines in per capita income, large number of business failures, sudden layoffs or plant closures or reduced tax base. The Public Works program supports the development of public infrastructure and

development facilities needed to produce jobs and investment in your area.

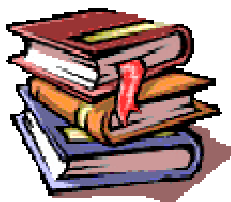
For more information about this specific program and other EDA programs contact the Louisiana EDA representative Pamela Ehlers at **504-589-4179**.

It is advised that you contact your local economic development district found at this website: <http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Edevdirectory.xml>

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Program Targets Low-Income Pre-school Children

The *Early Reading First Program* was designed to support local efforts in order to enhance the early language, literacy, and pre-reading development of preschool age children, particularly those from low-income families, through instructional strategies and professional development based on scientifically based reading research. Early Reading First programs will



have a high-quality oral language and print-rich environment, and will monitor children's progress toward language, literacy, and cognitive goals using screening reading assessments and other appropriate measures.

Funds must be used in existing public or private preschool programs which serve children from low-income families, and cannot be used to create new early child-

hood programs. The award ceiling for this program is \$4,500,000.00.

For more information, visit the website:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/earlyreading/index.html>

Or the U.S. Department of Education at **(202) 260-0968**.

Grants for Local Governments with Upcoming Deadlines

Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling:

The purpose of this grant is to ensure that skilled personnel are available to serve the rehabilitation needs of individuals with disabilities assisted through the Vocational Rehabilitation, Supported Employment, and Independent Living programs.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2005

Amount Awarded: \$125,000.00

Contact: U.S. Department of Education, OSERS Rehabilitation Services Administration, (202) 245-7458

Positive Psychology Center: The purpose of this grant is to provide competitive grants to eligible entities to expand and improve the provision of rehabilitation and other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Application Deadline: March 14, 2005

Contact: U.S. Department of Education, OSERS Rehabilitation Services Administration, (202) 245-7485

Access to Artistic Excellence: The purpose of this grant is to foster and preserve excellence in the arts and provide access to the arts for all Americans.

Application Deadline: March 14 and August 15, 2005

Amount Awarded: \$5,000.00 to \$150,000.00

Contact: National Endowment for the Arts, (202) 682-5532

Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program:

The purpose of this grant is to provide high-quality professional development to improve the knowledge and skills of early childhood educators who work in early childhood educator programs located in urban or rural high-poverty communities, and who serve primarily children from low-income families.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2005

Amount Awarded: \$1,000,000.00-\$3,000,000.00

Contact: U.S. Department of Education, (202) 260-0792

Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants:

The purpose of this grant is to support primarily small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2005

Amount Awarded: \$10,000

Contact: National Endowment for the Arts, (202) 682-5532

Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth:

The purpose of this grant is to advance arts education for children and youth in school-based or community-based settings.

Application Deadline: June 13, 2005

Amount awarded: \$5,000.00 to \$150,000.00

Contact: National Endowment for the Arts, (202) 682-5532

Local Event Planner

2005 Rural Economic Development Conference

The Governor's Office of Rural Development is holding this conference from **February 1, 2005 - February 3, 2005** at Southeastern University in Hammond, Louisiana. For more information call the Governor's Office at (225)342-1618.

The State Grants Management Section will conduct presentations on Prospect Research and Grantwriting. Come by and see us to pick up some useful tips!



Check out our Local Event Planner for upcoming events of interest.

Louisiana Police-Jury Association Annual Conference

The 81st annual Louisiana Police-Jury Association Convention will be held Feb-

ruary 17-19, 2005 at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, LA. For more information, visit the Police-Jury's website at www.lpgov.org.

2005 Annual Team City Conference

The Teamwork Louisiana Team City Program, sponsored by the Entergy Corporation will hold its annual conference from **June 1, 2005 - June 2, 2005** at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Baton Rouge, LA.

Web address: www.entergy-louisiana.com/la/ed/teamcity.asp

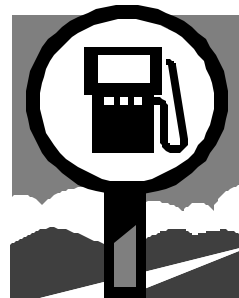
Grant Promotes Fossil Fuel Technology Research

Recognizing environmental problems related to fossil fuels, there is an interest at the local level in attempting fossil fuel research. In an effort to maximize the use of environmentally safe technologies involving fossil fuels, the Department of Energy is offering the Fossil Fuel Research and Development program to improve fossil fuel technologies. In coopera-

tion with DOE laboratories, universities and states, it is this grant's purpose to promote research in the area of fossil fuel technology by local governments. Efforts in this research will yield a possible reduction in energy costs and dependence on unsecure energy sources. If interested in this program contact John Augustine, Supervisor of the National Energy Tech-

nology Laboratory at (412) 386-4524.

Applications are due on March 1, 2005.



Funds Available for Water Desalinization Research



Research and Development Program of-
fered by the Department of the Interior

In Louisiana obtaining a clean water supply is an ultimate goal. A program that has been implemented to help ensure this goal is the Water Desalination

through the Bureau of Reclamation. The program aids local governments in this effort by developing more cost-effective, technologically efficient, and implementable methods by which usable water can be produced from saline water or water otherwise impaired or contaminated.

Applications are due February 3, 2005.

If you are interested in this program please contact the Bureau of Reclamation, Water Treatment Engineering and Research Group:

Attn: Kevin Price, Mail Code: D-8230, P. O. Box 25007, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225. Telephone: (303) 445-2260. Fax: (303) 445-6329. E-mail: kprice@do.usbr.gov.

Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant

Domestic violence, including child abuse, is a major problem that is sweeping the nation. To increase the domestic security, the Department of Justice, through the Office of Justice Programs, is offering the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant to increase awareness and response to this problem. Efforts are being made to implement, expand and establish cooperative projects between local law enforcement officers,



will deal with are domestic violence, dating violence and child abuse; provide treatment, counseling and assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating vio-

prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and other related parties to better obtain the goals of this grant. Examples of issues this program

lence and child victimization, including in immigration matters.

The deadline for applications is February 3, 2005. If interested contact Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW. Washington, DC 20531. Telephone: (202) 307-6026.

SGMS Staff Members Focus on Specialty Areas

Due to the enormous amount of information on Federal and private funding sources, the SGMS staff members have been assigned specialty areas of focus. This will allow each staff member to become familiar within their areas and enable them to provide better assistance to state agencies, non-profits, and individuals. Ask for the SGMS staff person whose area of focus coincides with your project.



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Need Some Research Assistance?

Cut off the bottom of this page, fill out the info, and send it in to SGMS for help!

Information Request Form

Contact Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Fax Number: _____

Type of Agency (Check one): Government _____

Individual _____

Non-Profit _____

If you would like research assistance regarding funding for a specific project, please give a brief description of your project below:

Mail request to: Office of Community Development, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or Fax it to us at (225)342-1947.

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The Office of Community Development, as part of the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, administers the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and operates the State Grants Management Section. Through the LCDBG Program, OCD provides grants to local governments for public infrastructure, economic development, demonstrated needs, housing, and self-help projects. The State Grant Management Section (SGMS) strives to increase the awareness of availability of funds and programs available to state agencies, local governments, non-profit organizations and citizens. Services such as prospect research and grant-writing assistance are available to the public.

We're on the web!
www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/cdbg.htm



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